

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held on June 12, 2001

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Kate Racine, Steve Frias, Thomas Massaro and Luly Massaro. (Commissioner Gaynor was not available to participate at this open meeting due to a funeral.)

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the first floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs):

3028 - Qwest Communications

3036 – CTC Communications

2531 - Intermedia Communications

2876 - Williams Communications LLC

The above CLECs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

Competitive Switchless Resellers (CSRs):

2262(T15) - USDL Communications, Inc.

2262(U15) - Network US, Inc.

The above CSRs registered to operate in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval. . After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed.

Vote 2-0.

2262(Q2) - Affinity Networks Inc.

2262(P2) - NOSVA Ltd. Partnership

2262(O2) - NOS Communications, Inc.

2262(A6) - Southwestern Bell Communications, Inc.

2262(C3) - Excel Telecommunications, Inc.

2262(E2) - Teleconnect Long Distance Services

2262(K) - SNET America, Inc.

The above CSRs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

Interexchange Carriers (IXCs):

3338 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.

3337 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.

3335 - MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

The above IXCs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

2681 – Verizon Rhode Island: VRI filed tariffs in compliance with Commission's Order No. 16615. The Order makes the interim monthly recurring rates and one-time non-recurring installation charges permanent and adjusted downward by 7.11 percent. The Division has reviewed the compliance filing and recommends approval. Discussion of this docket was postponed.

Undocketed Matters:

Commissioner Racine noted that customers of long distance carriers are being charged \$1.50 if they receive and pay their long distance charges with their local bill, and those customers were not notified about the charge. The charge can be avoided if the customer requests for a separate billing arrangement. She requested that Terry Mercer issue a press release informing customers about the charge and how it can be avoided.

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.